

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

OP 10-0113

FILED

ROBERT JAMES THOMAS,

APR 06 2010

Petitioner,

*Ed Smith*  
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF MONTANA

v.

## ORDER

MIKE FERRITER, Director of Montana  
Department of Corrections; and  
DAVE ARMSTRONG, Director of Alternatives,  
Inc., Alpha Pre-release,

Respondents.

Robert James Thomas (Thomas) filed a self-represented petition for a Verified Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus, a Petition for Appointment of Counsel and requested leave to proceed without paying the filing fee.

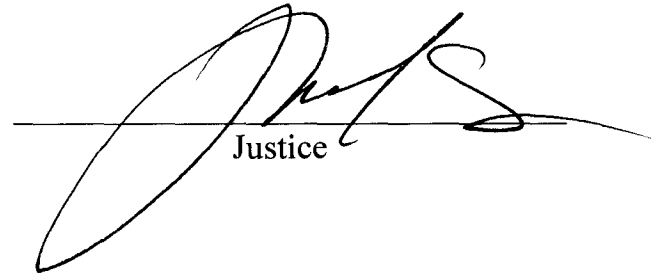
## IT IS ORDERED:

1. The request to proceed without paying the filing fee is GRANTED.
2. The Attorney General and/or counsel for the Department of Corrections are granted 30 days from the date hereof within which to prepare, file and serve a written response to the petition, with documentary exhibits and a legal memorandum.
3. The motion for appointment of counsel is DENIED.

The Clerk of Court is directed to provide a true copy of hereof to the Attorney General, the Department of Corrections and to Thomas.

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

For the Court,

  
Justice